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SUB4: PAUL FOSTER PLAYS

1. THE PAUL FOSTER PLAYERS PRESENTED TWO PERFORMANCES AT THE PAO RESIDENCE MAY 30 AND 31 TO AN AUDIENCE OF HUNGARIAN WRITERS, DRAMA CRITICS AND THEATRICAL PERSONALITIES AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING FOREIGN COMMUNITY.

2. THE PERFORMANCES WERE EXTREMELY INTERESTING AND WELL DONE. MOUNTING A PROFESSIONAL THEATRICAL SET IN THE SMALL SPACE AVAILABLE WAS AN IMPRESSIVE ACCOMPLISHMENT IN ITSELF. AND THE PLAYS THEMSELVES PROVIDED PAUL FOSTER'S PARTICULAR ART FORM, WHICH IS VIRTUALLY UNKNOWN IN HUNGARY.

3. THE PROGRAM WAS A PARTICULARLY USEFUL FOLLOW-UP TO FOSTER'S OWN VISIT TO HUNGARY ON A STAG GRANT EARLIER THIS YEAR, WHEN HE PRESENTED A LECTURE ON AMERICAN THEATER TO MUCH THE SAME AUDIENCE, WHICH NOW HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE TWO OF HIS WORKS.

4. IEE DESERVES A SPECIAL VOTE OF THANKS FOR ITS EXTENSIVE AND SUSTAINED EFFORTS WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS
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